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AMENDMENT IN THE DRAWINGS

An amendment to the drawings is made at Figure 7, where element number “52” referring to a first retaining ring is changed to element number “53”. A replacement sheet is attached herewith.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-19 are canceled without prejudice.
2. Claims 20-28 are newly presented.
3. The drawings have been amended to correct element number “52” has being used to indicate both a thumb screw and a retaining ring.
4. Independent claims 20 and 26 as recited above is patentable under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 over Davis (USPN 6,354,286), Kincart (USPN 5,806,736), LeDuc et al. (USPN 6,701,913), and DeGuevara (USPN 5,518,159) taken singularly or in combination because it includes:

a support arm having first and second ends, and a horizontal portion intermediate to and extending between said first and second ends, said first end extending vertically downward from said horizontal portion and said second end extending vertically upward from said horizontal portion, said horizontal portion including an offset bend made at a location that is intermediate said first and second ends and being made such that the entire horizontal portion remains in the same plane and such that said first and second ends are offset from each other.

Claims 21-25 as recited above depend from independent claim 20, and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

Claims 26-28 as recited above depend from independent claim 26, and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that:

Claims 20-28 recite distinctions that are of patentable merit under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 for the independent claims and thus for each dependent claim as well. Claims 20-28 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested. Allowance of claims 20-28 at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned agent of record at 727-727-538-4144 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacement Sheet

